

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application. Applicants herein change claims 6-8 to recite a “method of treatment” in accordance with standard United States practice instead of the “use....for preparing a pharmaceutical composition” format preferred in Europe. Likewise, Applicants change “characterized in that” in claim 9 to “wherein” also in keeping with more preferred United States practice. Further, Applicants change claims 3, 4 and 9 so that they no longer are multiple dependent claims in keeping with United States practice, and Applicants change the format of claims 5 and 8 so that traditional Markush language is expressly recited. No issue of new matter arises by way of any of these changes as all of the changes are purely formal in nature. Moreover, the scope of the claims is not altered by any of the changes.

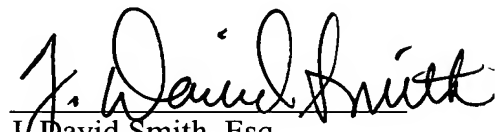
FEES

No fees are believed necessary in connection with the present Preliminary Amendment; however, should this be in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment or to credit any overage.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and early notification as such is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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